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SUBJECT: SOME POTENTIAL NEW LEADERS IN BAHRAIN'S CHIEF
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- 1.(U) The Al-Wifaq National Islamic Society will conduct internal leadership elections on May 31 (reftel). Wifaq is the leading political party
- 2.(SBU) Khalil Ebrahim Al-Marzook, at 41 one of Wifaq's youngest and most active MPs, represents the Capital Governorate's 2nd district (Manama
- 3.(SBU) Wifaq selected Al-Marzook to lead its successful campaign against the use of electronic voting in the 2006 parliamentary election becau
- 4.(SBU) Abduljalil Khalil represents the Capital Governorate's 4th district, which includes the villages of Sanabis and Karzakan, where many ar
- 6.(SBU) Abduljalil Khalil's wife, Afaf Al-Jamri, a women's activist and writer, is sister to both the editor-in-chief of Al-Wasat newspaper Mar
- 6.(SBU) Jawad Fairouz represents the 8th district of the Northern Governorate. As a founding member of Al-Wifaq, and one of its most active men
- 7.(SBU) Jawad's older brother, Jalal, also serves as an MP, however Jawad's influence is much greater than that of Jalal. Both have a great des
- 8.(C) All four of these potential leaders speak often and frankly with emboffs. Khalil Marzook and Abduljail Khalil are the most likely candids